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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

Responsive to the December 13, 2004 requirement for election of species in the above-identified patent application, the applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, claims 1-4, 13-21, 30-36, 38, 39, 43 and 44, allegedly drawn to a species of the invention as representatively illustrated in FIGS. 2-4, for continued prosecution in the application, including the alleged generic claims 1 and 30, and acknowledge the temporary withdrawal from consideration of claims 5-12, 22-29, 37, 40-42 and 45-52, allegedly drawn to other species.

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